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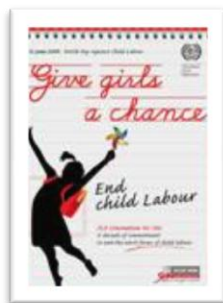
WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR

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World Day Against Child Labor this year will be celebrated on June 12 and marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the landmark International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention No. 182 -- the convention that addresses the need for action to tackle the worst forms of child labor. In addition to celebrating progress made in protecting the rights of children over the past ten years, this year's World Day Against Child Labor brings a special focus to the exploitation of girls in child labor.

The U.S. Department of State calls attention to global trends in child labor each year in both its Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the Trafficking in Persons Report. In addition, the State Department engages widely through its diplomatic missions and in partnership with key stakeholders to develop effective approaches to combat exploitative child labor.

GIVE GIRLS A CHANCE



Girls and Child Labor - An estimated 100 million girls are involved in child labor around the world. Though many of these girls undertake similar types of work as boys, they often endure additional hardships and face extra risks. Moreover, girls are all too often exposed to some of the worst forms of child labor, often in hidden work situations.

Full text available here:

<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/WDACL/WorldDay2009/la ng--en/index.htm>



Faces of Change – The face of child labor takes many forms. It is the child who works in pesticide-laden fields for hours each day. It is the girl who is forced to drop out of school to support her siblings following the loss of her parents to HIV/AIDS. It is the boy who exchanges his pencils for tools after his school is destroyed by a devastating earthquake. The worst forms of child labor are played out on the world stage everyday,

from mines and factories to rural plantations to crowded city streets. This edition of *Faces of Change* is intended to highlight the innovative strategies used by U.S. Department of Labor-supported projects and the impact they are having on children, their families, communities, and governments.

Full text available here: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/20081028.pdf>

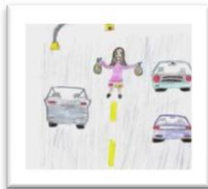


Ending Abusive Child Labor – Creating a safe and healthy world for our children is as important a task as any that exists. Yet millions of children around the world remain victims of poverty, illness, armed conflict, and exploitive and forced labor. This publication examines some of the noteworthy initiatives under way to combat abusive child labor.

Full text available here:

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0505.html>

ENDING CHILD LABOR



Action Against Child Labor - Child labor is an abuse of children's rights and it is a vast and urgent problem all around the world. As child labor is so widespread and so complex, the only way we can put a stop to it is to all act together, at the same time. Governments, workers' and employers' organizations, law enforcement agencies, teachers, parents, community members, and especially children and young people themselves, must take

a stance together, across the world, to demand the elimination of child labor! Find out what you can do in your community, in your region, in your country to take action and get involved in the fight against child labor.

Full text available here:

<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/Youthinaction/C182-Youth-orientated/Resources/lang--en/index.htm>

WEB RESOURCES:

International Labour Organization

<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/index.htm>

U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking

<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/>

U.S. Department of States' Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

<http://www.state.gov/g/tip/>

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

<http://www.unicef.org/protection/index.html>

World Bank's Global Child Labor Program

<http://www.worldbank.org/childlabor>